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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4-10, 15-17, 19, 21-23 and 25 as follows:

1. [Amended] A method of controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers in a system having a plurality of [programming] personalization stations, the method comprising [the steps of]:

receiving a card object from a card issuer management system, wherein the card object consists of information for programming the portable programmed data carriers;

receiving a programming request from one of the [programming station] personalization stations; and

91 utilizing the card object to control the [programming] personalization station as the [programming] personalization station programs the portable programmed data carrier.

2. [Amended] The method of claim 1, further comprising [the step of] acquiring data from a data source.

4. [Amended] The method of claim 1, further comprising [the step of] acquiring security services from a security source.

5. [Amended] The method of claim 1, further comprising [the step of] providing support services.

92 6. [Amended] The method of claim 1, wherein [the step of] receiving a programming request comprises [the steps of]:

receiving a card object identifier; and

associating the card object identifier with the card object.

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7. [Amended] The method of claim 2, further comprising [the step of] acquiring security services from a security source.

8. [Amended] The method of claim 7, further comprising [the step of] providing support services.

9. [Amended] The method of claim 8, wherein [the step of] receiving a programming request comprises [the steps of]:

receiving a card object identifier; and

associating the card object with the card object identifier.

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cont Sub B1
10. [Amended] A computerized system for controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers across a plurality of personalization stations, the system comprising:

a personalization server interface for acquiring services from one of more resources, transferring card information to one of the personalization stations, and controlling the programming of the portable programmed data [carrier] carriers; and

a personalization station interface for receiving the card information from the personalization server interface and for programming one of the portable programmed data [carrier] carriers.

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11. [Amended] A computerized system for controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers across a plurality of personalization stations, the system comprising:

[a] means for receiving one or more card objects from a card issuer management system, wherein the card objects comprise information for programming the portable programmed data carriers;

[a] means for receiving a programming request from the [programming] personalization station; and

[a] means for utilizing the card object to control the [programming] personalization

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station as the [programming] ~~personalization~~ station programs the portable programmed data carrier.

6 16. [Amended] The computerized system of claim 15, further comprising [a] means for acquiring security services from a security source.

7 17. [Amended] The computerized system of claim 15, further comprising [a] means for acquiring data from a data source.

94 9 19. [Amended] The computerized system of claim 15, further comprising [a] means for providing support services.

Sub C3 95 21. [Amended] A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions [for performing the steps] stored thereon for causing a computer to perform a method of controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers, the method comprising:

receiving one or more card objects from a card issuer management system, wherein the card objects consist of information for programming the portable programmed data carriers;

receiving a programming request from one of the [programming station] ~~personalization~~ stations; and

utilizing the card object to control the [programming] ~~personalization~~ station as the [programming] ~~personalization~~ station programs the portable programmed data carrier.

11 22. [Amended] The computer-readable medium of claim 21, having further computer-executable instructions for [performing the step of] acquiring security services from a security source.

12 23. [Amended] The computer-readable medium of claim 21, having further computer-executable instructions for [performing the step of] acquiring data from a data source.

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96 14 25. [Amended] The computer-readable medium of claim 21, having further computer-executable instructions for [performing the step of] providing support services.

Please add the following new claims.

97 Sub C 29. [New] A method of programming a portable programmed data carrier in a system having a server and a personalization station, the method comprising:
receiving, by the personalization station, a card object identifier;
requesting, by the personalization station, from the server, information for programming the portable programmed data carriers, and
programming, by the personalization station, the portable programmed data carrier under the control of the server.

30. [New] A method of controlling programming of portable programmed data carriers in a system having a server and a plurality of personalization stations, the method comprising:
receiving, by the server, a card object from a card issuer management system, wherein the card object consists of information for programming the portable programmed data carriers;
receiving, by the server, a programming request from one of the personalization stations;
and
utilizing, by the server, the card object to control the personalization station as the personalization station programs the portable programmed data carrier.

20 19 31. [New] The method of claim 30, further comprising acquiring data by the server from a data source.

21 20 32. [New] The method of claim 31, wherein the data source is the card issuer management system.

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